

LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This honor is also a testament to the parents, teachers, and others whose personal interest, strong support and active participation contributed to his success. To this remarkable young man, I extend my most heartfelt good wishes for all his future endeavors.

#### RECOGNIZING DR. PATRICK DOYLE

#### HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 7, 1998*

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the tremendous contributions Dr. Patrick Doyle has made to Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU), his community and our environment.

In 1972, as faculty advisor to the MTSU Biology Club, Dr. Doyle instituted a recycling program on the school's campus. To date, the program has been responsible for the recycling of 9.2 million pounds of newspaper, one million pounds of office paper and 176,000 pounds of aluminum cans. Students recycling on campus and individuals and businesses in Murfreesboro have contributed to Dr. Doyle's recycling efforts.

My Murfreesboro district office staff and I are very grateful to Dr. Doyle and the biology students who collect our cans, newspaper and office paper for the recycling program. I am sure the students who have received scholarships, as a result of this program, are grateful as well. Over the past 20 years, funds totalling \$400,000 have been used to assist over 200 students through the more than 20 scholarships generated by the recycling program.

Dr. Doyle has also taught an environmental problems course since the 1970s. One day, back in 1978, a fledgling Congressman visited Dr. Doyle's class. The students bombarded the freshman legislator with questions. He was genuinely concerned with the issues they raised. He told the students he would study the issues and get back with them. True to his word, he researched the students' questions and sent them a letter. Now, Vice President AL GORE is internationally known for his knowledge on environmental issues.

Dr. Doyle is known for more than his environmental achievements. He has distinguished himself on the racquetball court, as well as introducing this Member of Congress to his first semester of college.

I would like to congratulate Dr. Doyle on receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation.

Dr. Doyle, Thank you for the contributions you have made to Middle Tennessee State University and the Murfreesboro community.

#### A TRIBUTE TO OUR GOLD STAR MOTHERS

#### HON. JON D. FOX

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 7, 1998*

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to our Gold Star Mothers, who have suffered the terrible losses

of their sons and daughters for the defense of our nation.

We must offer the gratefulness of this Nation to the mothers who have made the greatest of all sacrifices to our country, their children.

The plight of the Gold Star Mothers is being remembered in Philadelphia in a production entitled "Reflections—Going Home" in which students from the Thomas Edison High School are participating. The Play was written, produced and directed by one of my constituents, Vietnam Veteran Frank "Bud" Kowalewski. I commend his tireless work in offering our young people the opportunity to honor lost lives, and teaching them the nature of valor and patriotism. The play strives to educate the nation on the sacrifices made by Gold Star Mothers. I congratulate the cast on their achievements in reminding us all the true reason we celebrate Memorial Day in America.

God bless the Gold Star Mothers. We humbly offer our tears, humility and gratitude as a nation.

We pray there will be no more lives unnecessarily lost and no more tears. God love and protect all of our brave soldiers in this great Nation.

#### 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

#### HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 7, 1998*

Mr. SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 40th Anniversary of the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District and to share with you a brief history of water development in Colorado's Arkansas River Valley.

In 1859, discovery of gold in Colorado brought many settlers to the Arkansas River Valley, but few were successful in their search for wealth. More and more gold seekers turned to farming to provide for themselves and their families. As permanent settlements were established, farmers discovered normal rainfall was inadequate for agriculture. The era of irrigation had begun.

Early irrigation in the valley depended on available stream runoff from the Arkansas River and its tributaries. As irrigation farming increased, a demand developed for late-season water which could not be supplied by unregulated streamflow. Storage reservoirs were needed. As a result, farmer-owned irrigation companies were formed between 1890 and 1910. These companies constructed several storage reservoirs having a total storage capacity of nearly 600,000 acre-feet. In addition, they received water from transmountain diversion systems originally importing only a few thousand acre-feet annually.

After years of drought and hardship, and numerous discussions among the residents of the Arkansas Valley, the plan to form a water conservancy district was put forward. Early leaders of water development Harold Christy, Charlie Boustead and Charlie Beise, visited numerous meetings of canal companies to explain the needs and usefulness of a district with taxing power. Petitions to create such a district were then circulated throughout the community.

On May 13, 1958, the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District was formed. At that time, the District Board of Directors were named and included Charles Irwin, Frank Dilley, Selby Yount, Wayne Bennett, Herbert Schroeder, Frank Milenski, Elmer Martin, James Shoun, James Wagner, Kenneth Shaw, Sid Nichols, Roy Cooper, David Ciruli, Harold Christy and William Bauserman.

Just four years later, the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project, a plan to divert additional flows from the western slope, gained approval. On August 16, 1962, President John F. Kennedy traveled to Pueblo, Colorado to sign Public Law 87-590 authorizing the project. At that time he stated, "There is no more valuable lesson for a President . . . than to come to a river and see what grows next to it and come to this city \* \* \* this platform, and know how vitally important water is."

Water is indeed a necessity to the people of the Arkansas River Valley. The Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District for the last forty years has been the driving force behind proper water management within the valley and it is for that reason that I honor them today.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO PRESIDENT LEE TENG-HUI OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA

#### HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 7, 1998*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, President Lee Teng-hui and Vice President Lein Chan of the Republic of China (Taiwan) will be celebrating their first anniversary in office on May 20, 1998. They have done an excellent job leading their country.

Everything about Taiwan is forward looking. It has successfully weathered the current Asian financial crisis. In the last year, President Lee and Vice President Lien have maintained a steady economic growth, expanded substantive relations with a number of countries and sought a continuing dialogue with mainland China.

On the eve of their second anniversary in office, I join my colleagues in wishing President Lee and Vice President Lien continuing success in leading their country.

#### BRIGANTINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NAMED KINDNESS SCHOOL IN NEW JERSEY

#### HON. FRANK A. LoBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 7, 1998*

Mr. LoBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, in a time when the evening news is characterized by conflict and turmoil, it is nice to come across the story of Brigantine Elementary School. Last year, Brigantine Elementary was named the kindest school in my home state of New Jersey. The school received the award after students were urged to perform acts of kindness every day during the month of October. The students responded by performing 50,000 good deeds. Some of these acts included helping parents or calling a sick relative.